

THAILAND



Youth delegate programme

Existing since: 2007

Sending youth delegates to: The United Nations General Assembly

Call for applications: January

Number of youth delegates: 2 (gender balanced)

Length of term: 2 weeks during the General Assembly

Criteria for applying:

- no older than 24 year
- experience working on youth issues
- some English required

Visa Procedure: G2 visa

Before the General Assembly

The youth delegates meet with the Bureau of International Cooperation and take part in the delegation's preparatory activities before attending the General Assembly. The youth delegates also prepare the statement to be delivered at the Third Committee of the General Assembly and read background material related to youth, such as reports, national policies and earlier resolutions.

At the General Assembly

The youth delegates deliver a speech to the Third Committee, take part in informal negotiations, attend meetings, take notes and organize side events.

When returning home

When returning home, the role of the youth delegates is to share the experiences from the General Assembly with other youth and to write a report about their experiences.

Funding

The Thai government finances the trip, accommodation and subsistence expenses during the intergovernmental meeting.

Selection Process for the General Assembly

The selection process is organized by the Bureau of International Cooperation, which is part of the Ministry of Education. The process begins with a call for applications. Interested candidates have to submit a short essay on human rights and children's rights, a letter of motivation, CV, grade transcript and, if they are students, proof of enrollment. Those who qualify for the next round are selected for a group discussion, during which the selected candidates have to debate an unknown subject related to general human rights issues in front of a jury including representatives from the Ministry of Education, the Bureau of International Cooperation and one NGO. The most successful candidates are then selected for an interview with questions concerning the United Nations in general in both English and Thai.